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Some men are excessively verbose in expressing ideas Cleveland's message to Congress on Monday has 25 000 words, in practice this is a waste of this crude sub

The State authorities have taken preliminary steps toward instituting proceedings against the Dubois and at Dubois for $100 000 for the use of lateral injunction law

The death warrant for the execution of Wm C Bush who kill Thos Brocker in Elk county last winter has been signed by the Governor He will be executed on the 20th of next month

On Thursday of last week at Rock Haven Judge Mayer ordered a special term of court for Clinton county upon a petition of forty four electors nearly half Democrats to contest the election of George W Wermer Democrat declared elected to the State Legislature by a majority of eight George A Barclay Republican the present member to the contestant

For the information of the Bradford Star people we will state that Mr McKean the Treasurer of that county does not come to Smethport for money collected of the tax on loans mortgages &c The County Commissioners have the collection certified entirely in their hands and when it is all collected they will pay the State Treasurer the sum total and he can draw on them for the amount which will be promptly paid

The consolidation of the Bradford Bordell & Kinzua the Big Level & Kinzua and the Pittsburgh & Western Narrow Gauge Railroads makes a combination of roads which must prove very advantageous to the several interests It makes a through line between Bradford & Pittsburgh without break of gauge or change of cars Col John P Carter President of the B B & K R who has effected this consolidation and who will be President of the combined system is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts

The Attorney General of the State instituted proceedings in the Dauphin County Court on Thursday Dec 2 against S M Baily late State Treasurer and sureties Messrs Charles H Bush John H McClelland Wm Pac Shall Jasper M Thompson Charles S Seaton Wm H Playford Charles B Boyle Henry Coy Bates James B Young Edmund M Ferguson and Charles Davidson for the recovery of the $70 000 lost by the failure of the spring of 1884 Among the sureties are some of the leading Democrats of the state county

The Philadelphia Press of Tuesday last in speaking of the necessity of an additional law Judge in that city says Business is not seriously behind in this district with eight Judges Dimsdale reports He is one of the most industrious men on the bench Previous to the late apportionment the district consisted of Tioga McKean Cameron and Potter Counties and had two judges Tioga became a separate district however and Cameron was placed else where while Judge Olmsted was assigned to McKean and Potter as his district There is rather more than ordinary litigation in McKean County and while there are always good objections to an increase in the number of judges the condition of business before the court seems to call for some action in this case at least

In another place will be found an article from the Philadelphia Press in reference to the security of the money of the State which is deposited in different banks In it attention is called to the difficulty experienced by Gen Bailey in having his suit with the defunct Exchange Bank of Bradford disposed of and attributes it to the backwardness of business in the Common Pleas Court of McKean county This is to a certain extent true but Gen Bailey's case would have been disposed of by this time had a man filled the Executive chair of the State two years ago who knew anything about Courts or the importance of having the legal business of a district transacted during the life of the parties interested The New Castle case is not exactly like that of the Exchange Bank of Bradford In the first case the bond was given before the money was taken from the State Treasury In the latter the money was loaned the bank months and some of it years before the bond which Gen Bailey is endeavoring to collect was given No one pretends to claim that any money was ever loaned the bank after it was given, and the gentlemen who signed the bond did so with the implied understanding that it was for future advancements from the Treasury to the bank It is a question whether they can be held for transactions between Gen Bailey and the Exchange Bank which took place years prior to the existence of their bond

Nothing in current literature can be more interesting than ex-Minister Washburn's article on the downfall of the French Empire—which is to appear in the first number of *Scribner's Magazine*, to be published on December 15th next. What is to be remembered is that Mr Washburne was the only minister of any leading nations who had the courage to remain in Paris during the siege and the Commune and while the Republic was being established, it may be well imagined that the story he has to tell of the experiences of remarkable Bismarck who Mr Washburne has told his story simply with charming *Naivete*, consistently and modelling in personal literature will attract greater attention, or appeal to a larger number of readers, than the papers these ex-Minister to France has contributed to the opening numbers of *Scribner's Magazine*.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Congress convened on Monday of this week The House was called to order at 12 o'clock by the Speaker The roll was then called and a committee appointed to notify the President that the House was ready to receive any communications from him The President's message, a very full synopsis of which follows, was received shortly before 2 o'clock and read to the House At the conclusion of the reading the House adjourned out of respect to three of its members who died during the recess In the Senate the same routine was followed

The message opens with the usual survey of foreign relations Discussing the fisheries question the President says the questions involved are of grave consequences The action of Canadian officials during the past year the President thinks, has been such as to threaten the friendly relations between the two countries Negotiations however are still pending with reasonable hope that an acceptable conclusion will be reached before the close of the present session

The President recommends a extension for seven years of the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii He urges a revision of the customs laws of Samoa to carry into effect the Mexican treaty

Referring to the Conger affair the President says that Mexico cannot think any offense committed on her soil by a foreign peddler in the pay of a commission and of which a Mexican is the object must of the offenders be found in Mexico He therefore and pursuant in conformity with Mexican laws to the admission of such a proposition the President says would affect adversely our rights in the jurisdiction of this Government over the crime he has denied and protested against the attempted exercise in unwarranted by the principles of law and interests of social usages He foresees that in the interests of peace the Mexican authorities will be modified if Government insists that extinction of copyright will receive the attention it deserves by Congress

Reaching domestic affairs the President first focuses on the tariff question discusses, commends upon the duties of taxation and urging that the revenue for a reduction of the tariff says the present surplus is over $50 000 000 The Government is the says no more than a trustee and has no right to use the money collected of the people except for the purposes of the Government Large expenditures are necessary for the future of navigable rivers and harbors The appropriations for the completion of the Mississippi jetties now at our option subject to extinguishment at any moment and the state which has freely provided would return that excess of indebtedness within a year We are therefore confronted with the problem of what to do with the surplus accruing during the present session of Congress The Treasury cannot be continued to the necessary needs of the Government and it is certain that the people would not wish that the revenue should not be reduced to the injury to men who had built up business reliant in business and will abandon the surest guarantee of the safety and success of American institutions In conclusion he invokes for this reform the cheerful and ungrudging support of Congress, urges an increase of the salaries of the commissioners and expresses the hope that such reasonable appropriations may be made as will enable them to increase the usefulness of the cause they have in charge

THE SECURITY OF STATE MONEYS.

Attorney General Cassidy appears determined to leave a lot of cases of more or less importance for his successor to finish The suit entered against Ex Treasurer Hasly is pretty sure to be one of these, as the present Attorney General can not possibly hope to have it brought to a conclusion during his term of office What Mr Cassidy's purpose is in thus tardily making up cases may be better defined in the early future but it is a fact plain enough to all who understand the facts that if there was good ground on which to proceed against General Hasly now the same good ground existed months ago when Mr Cassidy could have brought the suit with some hope of having it concluded during brown term of office

The amount involved is $70 000 but there is no danger whatever that the State will lose any part of it The delay in the settlement with the State is not so much General Hasly's fault, but is apparently due to the backwardness of business in the Common Pleas Court of McKean county The sum of $70, 000 was deposited by the State Treasurer in the Exchange Bank of Bradford and was secured by a bond When the bank failed the Treasurer brought suit for the amount against the officers of the bank and the bondsmen That case is still pending in the McKean County Courts and has not been decided and taken to the Supreme Court as stated in some of the despatches from Harrisburg

A similar case however, has been decided and one which also arose during General Hasly's term as State treasurer A bank in New Castle failed having on deposit $70 000 of State funds The State treasurer sued the officers and bondsmen for the recovery of the money Judge Wickham of Bedford county sitting in the case Judgment was taken in favor of the Treasurer The case was taken to the Supreme Court where the judgment was confirmed Thus a case exactly like that of the Exchange Bank of Bradford and offers a precedent for it In no instance or the law proves to be different in one case from the other General Bates will get his money when a judgment is reached In any event the State is amply secured by the Treasurer's bondsmen

Other State treasurers have had similar experiences and so long as banks fail and the present method of designating depositaries of public funds is practically no security for the office of treasurer can be secured or before from such difficulties The state avoids all risk by having to the Treasurer the sole control of the depositaries for the official signature would necessarily assume the risk but what it would take the risk that which is less responsible or more would make it

But the State is always well secured as the bonds of its officials and it is to the credit of its treasurers that no defalcation has occurred in the office of State Treasurer Attorney General Cassidy very wisely remarks that nothing is gained by rushing the matter and that the General Assembly will be called upon to provide for the collection of the claim and that the Legislature will be in session before the suit can be brought to a close

SHORT NOTES

Ex Governor Pollard of [illegible] has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Virginia

Mr Mackey Utah Brigham Young will be sent to the penitentiary for polygamy

Nothing can be done in connection with the sale of escaped property in the hands of the Receiver of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the public good

Less space is devoted to the Democratic State Convention than to the Democratic Legislative Caucus in the Harrisburg Telegraph

Mr Cleveland's message is very long and tiresome reading Nothing startling in it

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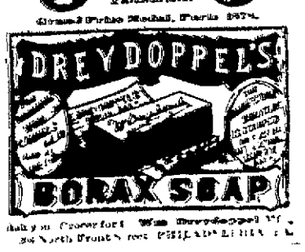

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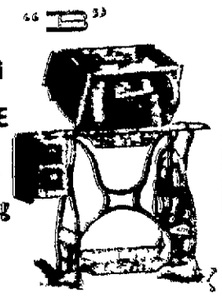

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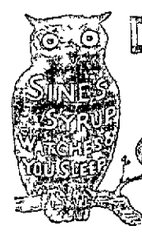

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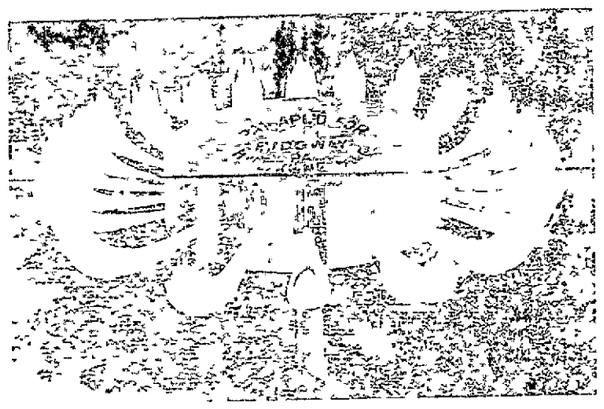

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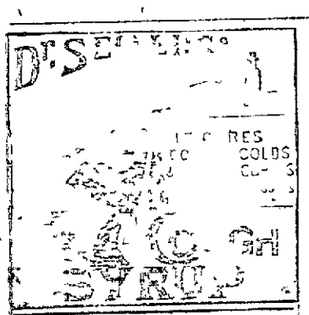

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(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26, 1886.—On two days of the past week all public buildings in Washington were closed Thanksgiving day, and the day of ex-President Arthur's funeral. There was much complaint in consequence from visitors to the city, whose railroad tickets were limited and who after coming long distances to see the sights here were obliged to go away disappointed because they were debarred entrance to the Capitol, White House, Executive Departments, Mus eums etc.

There was a falling off in a large number of Christmas packages for this day here, and I even looked in vain for the fabulous turkey. I left it to the reader to imagine how I managed to get on without it, but I succeeded in getting a very fine dinner, after all, and I am told that the restaurants in the city did a thriving business. Of course, all public offices will be closed on the 25th inst., Christmas day, and I suppose that the Treasury Department will be the only one that will be open on the following day, Sunday. Many persons will leave the city for the holidays, and I am told that the railroads will run excursion trains at reduced rates.

The Congressmen who are daily arriving in Washington still discuss the recent elections and many of the military Democratic losses upon the Administration. Mr Gibson a Democratic Representative from West Virginia, said the reason their vote fell off everywhere was not indifference, but rebellion. The Administration added he has destroyed our organization, and two years more of such work will not leave enough of us to constitute a respectable mob.

The Treasury is overflowing with money. It is pouring in at the rate of one million dollars a day and the present indications are that there will be another surplus of over $100,000,000 at the close of the present fiscal year, even with a great River and Harbor bill of $11,000,000 with an increase of pensions of $50,000,000 and an Alabama award judgment of $7,000,000. It has been believed that it would not be possible to reduce taxation during the short session this winter, but the party in control of the House feel that they cannot go into the next campaign without at least making the attempt and the president in his annual message to Congress will doubtless urge a reduction of taxes. The President will of course indorse the position of the Secretary in his message.

The Administration is very happy over the financial situation. It knows that the country is starting on an era of business prosperity, and it expects to a certain extent to receive the credit as well as to reap the benefit of this prosperity. A proposition to reduce taxes will be very popular, and it would not be in keeping with Mr Cleveland's luck if there were not a business boom during his term. So look out for the Treasury report this year. It will contain a recommendation of reduction of taxes.

At the Capitol a quorum of the Appropriation Committee is at work preparing the money bills so that Congress can settle down to business as soon as it reassembles. The work of improving the Capitol itself never ends, but extensive additions are now being made to fill the niches in the wall of the Senate Chamber with the busts of the Vice Presidents. The first five to place will be Vice Presidents Hamlin, Wheeler, Arthur, Adams and Jefferson. The bust of Hamlin has been presented with the Arthur bust. It will be placed in the Senate Reception Room, where it will be seen by all visitors to the Capitol. The busts will be placed in the Senate Reception Room, where it will be seen by all visitors to the Capitol. The busts will be placed in the Senate Reception Room, where it will be seen by all visitors to the Capitol.

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